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TOPIC Information on the Guard Battalion of the State Secretariat for State Security in Potsdam

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REMARKS

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1. Between 3 and 5 December 1953, [REDACTED] the guard battalion of the State Secretariat for State Security (SFS) was stationed at the former Unteroffiziersschule in Potsdam. The battalion which was subordinate to the SFS Bezirk administration in Potsdam headed by Lieutenant Colonel Wagner, consisted of three companies of which the third company was organized in October 1953 and consisted of 60 men. The members of the guard battalion had signed up for a period of three years; however, it appeared that many soldiers would re-enlist after that period.<sup>1</sup> 25X1X

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2. Officers [REDACTED] assigned to the battalion included:

Senior Lieutenant Raschmann, CO;

Lieutenant Gera, first adjutant;

Lieutenant Singer, deputy CO and PK officer;

Junior Lieutenant Diwiszeck, adjutant, a Pole;

Junior Lieutenant Waberski, chief of training.

Junior Lieutenant Schlueter, PK secretary;

Junior Lieutenant Klemm, SED secretary;

Junior Lieutenant Lampe, chief of personnel section;

Lieutenant Rudolph, supply officer;

Lieutenant Rotkirch, PK officer and acting CO, 2d Co;

Lieutenant Steinbach, CO, 3d Co;

Captain Helwig, previously CO of the battalion, was allegedly scheduled to become commandant of a school.<sup>2</sup>

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3. Motor vehicles assigned to the guard battalion included: 15 Horch trucks

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2 van-like trucks, 2 riot cars, 1 ambulance, and 10 motorcycles

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4. The guard battalion has detached two officers to the SFS Bezirk administration. At intervals of two hours, these officers control guards in Potsdam. Results of the control had to be transmitted by telephone to the duty officer of the battalion. Since 1 November a detail of one NCO and eight EM has been detached to Prieros near Koenigswusterhausen for guard missions at the local rest house used by high ranking government functionaries. The detail is released every two weeks.
5. During the reporting period there were three alert stages in force with the guard battalion. The three stages were referred to as "Biene" (bee), "Hummel" (bumblebee) and "Hornisse" (hornet). There were the following commanders of the guard:

Lieutenant Colonel Wagner, chief of the SFS Bezirk administration;

Lieutenant Colonel Koenig, deputy to Wagner;

Senior Lieutenant Raschmann, CO of the guard battalion;

Lieutenant Gera, 1st adjutant of the guard battalion;

Captain Witte, commandant of the military prison;

Senior Lieutenant Rose, deputy to Witte. <sup>2</sup>

6. Other guard units of the SFS included a regiment each in Berlin, Halle, and Erfurt. <sup>3</sup>
7. On occasion of the large-scale search operations for the Czech refugees in October 1953, 50 men of the guard battalion led by Senior Lieutenants Diwiszeck and Klemm were employed in the Rangsdorf area south of the autobahn. The detail was to prevent the Czechs from reaching Berlin.

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1. Comment. It was previously known that the guard battalion is stationed at the former Unteroffiziersschule in Potsdam-Eiche.

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2. Comment. Most of the officers mentioned were previously known as having the assignments mentioned.

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3. Comment. According to previous information, only a guard battalion was stationed in Halle.

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